

DELEGATE ADKINS: Would the sponsor yield to a question if he has time?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Willoner, do you take the floor to yield to a question?

DELEGATE WILLONER: I will yield.

THE PRESIDENT: This will be your second speech and final one.

Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I would assume by this amendment that you mean freedom of information of public bodies. You do not really mean what you say here, do you?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Willoner.

DELEGATE WILLONER: May I say that the entire bill of rights goes to state action and not individual action, and, therefore, it is public bodies that we are discussing. These are rights between an individual and the state.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Willoner, so the record will be clear, and I am not sure whether this is covered or not, there was a good deal of discussion at the time of the consideration of this matter before the Committee of the Whole as to whether the provision then under consideration would, for instance, require that records now secret, like adoption records and so forth, be open to the public. This provision which you have, Amendment No. 7, does not have any provision giving the General Assembly the authority to define it. Following Delegate Adkins' question, is it intended that freedom of information as used here would extend, for instance, to court records, public records, and that sort, Delegate Willoner?

DELEGATE WILLONER: It would apply to public records and it would not apply to the records that you suggested.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any other discussion?

Ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will sound the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to Committee Recommendation R&P-1 and R&P-2 as amended by S&D-9. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 7; a vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 30 votes in the affirmative and 82 in the negative, the motion fails and the amendment is rejected.

The Chair has no other amendments sponsored by fifteen or more delegates. We will go back and pick up consideration of amendments sponsored by one or fewer than fifteen delegates.

Delegate Carson, do you desire to submit your Amendment F, F for Frank?

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, I do not have it before me. Is that the one with reference to the debt section?

THE PRESIDENT: It is, it is the amendment which in line 43 on page 3 would insert the word "providing" after the word "court".

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, I do have it now. Yes, I do offer it at this time.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dulany, would you still desire to offer your Amendment Z?

DELEGATE DULANY: Yes, but I would ask unanimous consent to delete everything in the amendment *(Laughter)*—excepting one word.

THE PRESIDENT: What word?

DELEGATE DULANY: I would like to delete everything after the colon in line 5, all of lines 6 and 7, and substitute in lieu thereof the word "dependent". This will take two lines out of the constitution and will do exactly what I wish to accomplish.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the two amendments go to the same lines, and I am trying to determine which should be offered first and the other offered as an amendment or substitute.

I do not think the two are inconsistent. I will submit Delegate Carson's amendment first. Will the pages please distribute Amendment F, F for Frank. This will be Amendment No. 8. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 8 to Committee Recommendation R&P-1 and R&P-2, as amended by Report No. S&D-9, by Delegate Carson: On page 3, section 1.12, Imprisonment for Debt, in line 41 insert a comma after the word "court"; and